

## **Chapter 9.24**

### **GAMBLING**

(713-5/59, 2102-9/76, 3852-1/10)

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**9.24.010 Anything of value defined.** "Anything of value" means money, coin, currency, check, chip, allowance, token, credit, merchandise, property or anything representative of value, and includes without limitation any payment for services or for the use of any premises, cards, chips, furniture or other article. "Anything of value" also means any increase or probable increase in business or patronage resulting directly or indirectly from the playing of any game of cards permitted by section 9.24.050. "Anything of value" also means any rent, remuneration or compensation of any nature received by any person, firm, corporation, club, lodge, association or church for the use or occupancy of any premises where the major, primary or usual use of said premises is for the playing of card games permitted by section 9.24.050. (713-5/59, 2102-9/76)

**9.24.020 Premises--Keeping.** No person (either as principal, agent, employee or otherwise) shall keep, conduct or maintain in this city any house, room apartment or place used in whole or in part as a place where any game not mentioned in section 330 or 330a of the Penal Code of the state of California, is played, conducted, dealt, or carried on, with cards, dice, billiard balls, pool balls, cues or other devices, for money, checks, chips, credit or any other representative of value or for any merchandise or any other thing of value, except that bingo games may be conducted pursuant to Chapter 5.64 of this code. (536-2/49, 2102-9/76)

**9.24.030 Permitting unlawful.** No person (either as principal, agent, employee or otherwise) shall knowingly permit any house, room, apartment or place owned by him or under his charge or control in this city to be used in whole or in part for playing, conducting, dealing or carrying on therein any game not mentioned in section 330 and 330a of the Penal Code of the state of California, with cards, dice, billiard balls, pool balls, cues or other devices, for money, checks, chips, credit or any other thing of value, except that bingo games may be conducted pursuant to Chapter 5.64 of this code. (536-2/49, 2102-9/76)

**9.24.040 Betting--Limitations.** No person shall play or bet at or against any game not mentioned in sections 330 or 330a of the Penal Code of the state of California, with cards, dice, billiard balls, pool balls, cues or other thing of value, except that bingo games may be conducted pursuant to Chapter 5.64 of this code. (536-2/49, 2102-9/76)

**9.24.050 Card Games.** Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 9.24.020 through 9.24.040, any game played with cards, and not mentioned in section 330 of the Penal Code of the state of California shall not be prohibited unless in violation of one or more of the following sections of this chapter. (713-5/59)

**9.24.060 Winnings--Accepting.** It is unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, lodge, club, association, church or any other group of persons to receive directly or indirectly anything of value from the playing or operation of any game of cards permitted by section 9.24.050, other than the actual winnings to which a person playing such a game in good faith for himself alone may be entitled as the result of such game. (713-5/59)

**9.24.070 Losses.** It is unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, lodge, club, association, church or any other group of persons to give anything of value for being permitted to participate in any game of cards permitted by section 9.24.050 other than to pay the actual losses sustained by such person playing such game in good faith for himself alone. (713-5/59)

**9.24.080 Betting valuables of another.** It is unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, lodge, club, association, church or any other group of persons to bet or wager anything of value belonging to another person in any game of cards permitted by section 9.24.050. (713-5/59)

**9.24.090 Card games--Hours.** It is unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, lodge, club, association, church or any other group of persons to play, participate in, or be present at any game of cards permitted by section 9.24.050 between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. (713-5/59)

**9.24.100 Permitting unlawful use of premises.** It is unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, lodge, club, association, church or any other group of persons, either as owner, lessee, agent, employee, mortgagor or otherwise, knowingly to permit any room, building or premises, or any furniture, fixtures, equipment or other article, or anything of value, to be used for or in any game of cards, permitted by section 9.24.050, in connection with which a violation of sections 9.24.060 through 9.24.080 occurs. (713-5/59)

**9.24.110 Seizure of equipment.** In addition to any other remedy provided by law, any furniture, fixtures, equipment or article, or anything of value, used in violation of section 9.24.100 may be seized by any of the officers designated by sections 335 and 335a of the Penal Code of the state of California, and in such cases shall be disposed of as provided in section 335a of said Penal Code; provided, however, that the phrase "machine or device" as used in section 335a of the Penal Code, shall mean any furniture, fixtures, equipment or article, or anything of value except money, coin or currency. Any or all money, coin or currency used in violation of section 9.24.100 and seized pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the city general fund. (713-5/59)

**9.24.120 Card games--Inspection.** When any game of cards is being played which is permitted by section 9.24.050, it shall at all times be open to inspection by regular full-time police officers of the city while on actual duty. (713-5/59)

**9.24.130 Hindering inspection.** It is unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, lodge, club, association, church or any other group of persons to hinder, impede, obstruct, prohibit or prevent or to assist in such hindering, impeding, obstructing, prohibiting or preventing any such lawful inspection as provided for in section 9.24.120. (713-5/59)

**9.24.140 Construction.** Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as permitting any game of cards prohibited by section 330 of the Penal Code of the state of California. (713-5/59)

**9.24.150 Non-profit-EXEMPTION.** The provisions of the Chapter do not apply to events held by non-profit organizations which are properly permitted by the State. (3852-1/10)